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SUBJECT: DAIRY TASK FORCE

REF: STATE 222752

1. DAIRY TASK FORCE HAS BEEN RESTRUCTURED BY ELIMINATION OF AGRIBUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE AS INDICATED IN REFERENCED STATE TELEGRAM. INTENTION NOW IS TO CARRY OUR TWO DAY PROGRAM ALONG BASIC LINES SUGGESTED IN ORIGINAL PROPOSED PROGRAM FORMAT SENT TO YOU BY COMMERCE BUT REVISED AS APPROPRIATE.

2. TASK FORCE WILL CONSIST OF SIX MEMBERS: MR. CONRAD LUTZ, EUROPEAN DIRECTOR, HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA; MR. COLIN CAMPBELL, DIRECTOR LONDON OFFICE, U.S. FEED GRAINS COUNCIL; DR. DONALD BATH, DAIRY EXTENSION SPECIALIST, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (AT DAVIS); DR. DONALD HILLMAN, DAIRY EXTENSION SPECIALIST, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; DR. JOHN WHITE, PROFESSOR

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OF DAIRY SCHIENCE, VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE

UNIVERSITY; AND WILLIAM HUTH, FOREIGN MARKETING SPECIALIST,
FOREIGN MARKET DEVELOPMENT, FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE,
USDA.

3. SUGGESTED REVISED PROGRAM FORMAT IS AS FOLLOWS: INITIAL
STEP: EMBASSY BRIEFING BY COMMERCIAL OFFICER, FIRST DAY:
THREE DAIRY EXPERTS HOLD SEMINAR TALKS FOR LOCAL DECISION MAKERS.
THE FIRST SPEAKER WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF
GOOD DAIRY CATTLE, THE SECOND ON NUTRITION AND FEEDSTUFFS
AND THE THIRD ON ANIMAL HUSBANDRY INCLUDING THE TECHNOLOGI-
CAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF GOOD HERD MANAGEMENT.
EXACT DIVISION OF SUBJECT MATTER TO BE DETERMINED BY SPEAKERS.
TWO COOPERATOR REPRESENTATIVES WILL FOLLOW UP WITH TALKS EX-
PLANING THEIR ROLES IN U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND SERVICES
THEY CAN PROVIDE HOST COUNTRY. FAS REPRESENTATIVE CAN GIVE
SHORT TALK ON FAS/COOPERATOR PROGRAM IN GENERAL IF DESIRED.
EVENING OF FIRST DAY: RECEPTION BY COMMERCIAL OFFICER.
SECOND DAY: DAIRY EXPERTS CAN HOLD SMALLER MORE TECHNICAL BUT
MORE INFORMAL SEMINAR TYPE DISCUSSIONS WITH THEIR TECHNICAL
SCIENTIFIC COUNTERPARTS OR ALTERNATIVELY HAVE MEETINGS SCHEDULED
WITH APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUAL(S). DITTO COOPERATOR REPRESENTATIVES.
HUTH WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS REGARDING
THEIR VIEWS ON AREAS OF AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY IN WHICH AND
METHODS BY WHICH U.S. AGRICULTURAL COOPERATOR GROUPS AND AGRI-
BUSINESS FIRMS COULD EFFECTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THEIR AGRI-
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. GROUP VISITS TO NEARBY
DAIRY FACILITIES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES MAY BE INCORPORATED
AT DISCRETION COMMERCIAL OFFICER. BASIC SUGGESTION IS THAT
COMMERCIAL OFFICER SUPPLEMENT FIRST DAY MORE FORMAL SEMINAR
TALKS AND EVENING RECEPTION WITH ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES HE FEELS
MOST USEFUL TO MARKET DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, THAT HE PLAN THE
TYPE AND EXTENT OF HIS OWN INVOLVEMENT IN ALL ACTIVITIES AS
HE SEES FIT, AND THAT OF OTHER EMBASSY PERSONNEL AS MUTUALLY
ACCEPTABLE. PROGRAM DATES HAVE BEEN SET BASED ON OUR INFORMATION
REGARDING NORMAL WORK DAYS AND HOLIDAYS THESE COUNTRIES
AND DIFFICULT AIRLINE SCHEDULES WHICH LEAVE US LITTLE IF
ANY FLEXIBILITY. OFFICIAL PROGRAM DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
RABAT, OCTOBER 12, 13; CAIRO, OCTOBER 16, 18; KHARTOUM,
OCTOBER 20, 21 AND DAMASCUS, OCTOBER 23, 24. THIS NOT INTENDED
TO PRECLUDE THE SCHEDULING OF ACTIVITIES DURING OTHER
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TIME GROUP PRESENT IF APPROPRIATE. NOTE THAT IN KHARTOUM
OCTOBER 21 IS ONLY HALF DAY.

4. FINANCING: COOPERATOR REPESENTATIVES WILL CARRY FUNDS TO
PAY FOR RECEPTION EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED \$375 AT ANY ONE POST.
HUTH WILL CARRY FUNDS TO COVER EXPENSES SUCH AS TRANSLATOR
SERVICES, LOCAL TRAVEL IF ANY IN AMOUNT OF \$300 AT ANY ONE POST.
AMOUNTS SPECIFIED ARE NOT INTENDED AS GUIDELINES AND ARE ASSUMED

TO BE MORE THAN ADEQUATE ALTHOUGH IF NECESSARY ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO CARRY OUT THIS ACTIVITY EFFECTIVELY CAN BE PROVIDED.

5. NEED FROM YOU ASAP ESTIMATE OF NUMBER OF COPIES OF ANY WRITTEN PAPER EXPERT SPEAKERS MAY PREPARE TO HAND OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEIR FORMAL PRESENTATION IF WE MUST REPRODUCE. PREFERABLY, CAN YOU REPRODUCE LOCALLY IF COPY SENT TO YOU? IF SO, HOW MUCH LEAD TIME DO YOU NEED? ANY SUCH WRITTEN PAPERS WILL BE BRIEF OR PERHAPS IN AN OUTLINE FORMAT. ALSO, A BRIEF SUBMISSION ASAP ON DAIR INDUSTRY AND PLANS FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT IN YOUR COUNTRY INCLUDING SPECIFIC ITEMS OF MAJOR CONCERN LOCAL OFFICIALS AND SPECIFIC POINT YOU FEEL SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED IN SPECIALISTS' PRESENTATIONS WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO DAIRY EXPERTS IN DEVELOPING THEIR TALKS AND ANTICIPATING LOCALS' QUESTIONS.

6. TRAVEL PLANS: GROUP MEMBERS ARRIVE PARIS ON APPROPRIATE FLIGHTS. CONFIRMED OR REQUESTED RESERVATIONS FOR GROUP OF SIX HELD AS FOLLOWS: OCTOBER 11, AT-781, LV: PARIS 18:30, AR: RABAT, 20:10. OCTOBER 14, AF-2016, LV: RABAT, 09:30, AR: PARIS, 13:05, MS-796; LV: PARIS 19:00, AR: CAIRO 23:59. OCTOBER 19, SD-113, LV: CAIRO, 03:40, AR: KHARTOUM, 06:05. OCTOBER 21, LN-215, LV: KHARTOUM, 14:50, AR: CAIRO, 17:10; RB-304, LV: CAIRO, 20:55, AR: DAMASCUS, 22:55. OCTOBER 25. GROUP MEMBERS DEPART DAMACUS ON APPROPRIATE LFIGHTS. WILL INFORM YOU ASAP WHEN ALL FLIGHTS CONFIRMED.

7. HOTELS: RESERVATIONS FOR SIX SINGLE ROOMS ARE REQUESTED AS FOLLOWS: RABAT: OCTOBER 11, 12, 13; CAIRO: OCTOBER 14, 15, 16, 17, 18; KHARTOUM: OCTOBER 19, 20; DAMASCUS: OCTOBER 21, 22, 23 AND 24.

8. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE. WE WILL ASSUME YOU ARE IN AGREEMENT AND WILL MAKE NECESSARY LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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OUT THIS ACTIVITY AS SCHEDULED UNLESS YOU ADVISE US TO CONTRARY.
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